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Thesis on Coastwise Steamship to be Run by Course XIII Men.

An unusual privilege has been accorded Course XIII men this year, and an excellent opportunity has been offered for an interesting and valuable thesis. A test is to be carried out on the new turbine steamship, Governor Cobb, which runs from Boston to St. John, New Brunswick, touching on the way at Lubec. The test will be a very complete one, both for endurance and for economy. The power will be determined by the Denny and Johnson patent torsion meter, the speed by the Gray electric log and the water used will be measured by the Hersey meter. The coal consumption and the steam used by both main engines and auxiliaries, will be accurately measured.

Four seniors from Course XIII, Messrs. Robinson, Wonson, Loomis and one other will conduct the test, while Professor Deland and Mr. Everett will accompany the men. Three government men from Washington will also be present to observe the conduct and results of the test, which will be run in the near future.

ESSAYS ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS.

In order to arouse an interest in the study of topics relating to commerce and industry, a committee, of which Prof. J. L. Laughlin of the University of Chicago is chairman has been enabled, through the generosity of Messrs. Hart, Schaffner and Marx, of Chicago, to offer in 1908 four prizes for the best studies on any one of twelve given subjects relating to economics.

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Further details regarding the conditions of the contest may be had by addressing application to J. Laurence Laughlin, University of Chicago, Box 145, Faculty Exchange.

BOSTON SOCIETY OF ARCHITECTS.

The studio of the Department of Architecture was the scene last evening of the April meeting of the Boston Society of Architects. Dr. Pritchett, Prof. Burton, and the members of the instructing staff of the department, together with the students who received awards and mentions in the recent competition, were present as the guests of the Society.

A dinner was served at 6.30, and the smoke talk, at which the fourth and fifth year architects were present, was held at 8 o'clock. R. Clipston Sturgis gave a talk on "Houses and Gardens in Wells, England," and Mr. Atkinson spoke on "Subway Connections."

FEW TRACK VETERANS LEFT.

Best Men on Last Year's Team Graduated. Strong Recruits From Younger Men. Weakness in Weights.

In preparing for the long hard schedule laid down for the track team this season, the most serious problem that has to be met is that of replacing the veterans who were lost last June. The men who won eighteen of Tech's twenty points in the intercollegiate contest either are graduated or have left school, and Coach Mahan has been forced to look among the younger men to find promising material.

Last spring the task of replacing Farrington was almost hopeless. There were no second string men of promise, and it looked as if Tech would be short in the high jump in the fall. The appearance of Allen in the indoor work and his record in the B. A. A. and Lawrence Light Guard meets soon allayed the fear that the Institute would be weak in this field event. Allen has been working at the



B. L. GIMSON.



R. H. ALLEN.

In the mile run there remains Buckingham of the veterans, with Howland and Chapman as helpers who have had some experience. There is also in this event a number of new men. The squad for the two mile is probably the strongest that has ever come out for this event. The splendid record of the cross country team last fall, with every man of that team out for the two mile, shows that the Institute will be sure of a good number of points in this distance. With Wilson gone in the half mile, Gimson is the only strong old timer remaining. His consistent work in the past three years and his condition now promise that he will be a first string man for the Institute for the coming dual meets.

Field, and is showing up better than he did indoors. Coach Mahan predicts that Allen will be a six foot jumper.

In the sprints the squad is strongest owing to the attraction offered by the trip to Philadelphia. The trials for the relay team which were to be held yesterday have been postponed on account of the weather until today and tomorrow.

The squad in the weight events is still weak, and more candidates with experience are needed. In these events Tech has always scored a good share of the points in the various contests during the past four years, and if a better squad of men do not turn out this year, this good record will be spoiled.

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS.

The 636th meeting of the Society of Arts will be held in 22 Walker tomorrow at 8 P.M. Mr. Willard Howland, of Boston, will address the society on "The Cape Cod Canal." All interested in the subject are invited to attend. The lecture will be illustrated by lantern slides.

CULTURE WITHOUT COLLEGE.

Professor Swain read a short paper entitled "Culture without College," at his reading Monday afternoon. In connection with this he spoke a few words on the efforts of the Institute to give to its students some courses outside the professional work. He said

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CALENDAR.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10.

- 4.00 P.M. Penn. Relay Team Trials at the Field.
- 4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals Specialties Rehearsal at the Union.
- 4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Y. M. C. A.
- 5.00 P.M. Class Day Committee Meeting in 27 Rogers.
- 6.00 P.M. New York Club Dinner at the Union.
- 8.00 P.M. Civil Engineering Society attends Lecture at Robinson Hall, Tufts College.
- 8.00 P.M. Musical Clubs Concert at Walnut St. Methodist Church, Newtonville.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11.

- 1.00 P.M. Weekly Y. M. C. A. Meeting in Parish Hall of Trinity Church.
- 4.00 P.M. Banjo Club Rehearsal in 33 Rogers.
- 4.00 P.M. Penn. Relay Trials at the Field.
- 4.15 P.M. Tech Show Principals and Chorus Rehearsal at the Union.
- 7.45 P.M. Mechanical Engineering Society Smoker at the Union.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12.

- 4.00 P.M. Mandolin Club Rehearsal in 31 Rogers.
- 4.00 P.M. Baseball—Course V vs. X at the Field.
- 4.15 P.M. Glee Club Rehearsal at the Y. M. C. A.
- 4.15 P.M. Tech Show Chorus Specialties Rehearsal at the Union.

NOTICES.

Musical Clubs.—There will be a concert tonight at the Methodist Church, Walnut Street, Newtonville. Clubs will meet at Trinity Place Station at 7 P.M.

Class Dues.—At the shortest Freshman class meeting on record President Fitzwater made a plea for better payment of class dues yesterday in Huntington Hall. Dues for the second term have been paid by only about forty-five members of the class. The remaining men will be debarred from membership in the class if they fail to pay these dues before the end of the term.

Hare and Hounds.—On Saturday at 2.07 P.M. the Hare and Hounds will leave Trinity Place Station. Special accommodations have been provided for the squad. The pace on this run will be very slow so as to make the run easy for new men. This is the last hare and hounds run before the Freshman-Sophomore Cross Country Race. On the morning of April 19 there will be a chance to walk over the course.

TO ATTEND Y.M.C.A. CONVENTION.

Secretary Gates left today for Cornell to represent Technology at the annual convention of newly elected Y. M. C. A. presidents. This convention gives the new presidents an opportunity to discuss and plan with the experienced secretaries the work for the coming year. The convention is entertained April 11-14 by the Cornell Association.

Rev. James Alexander will conclude his series this week. His subject is, "Finding One's Self." All Tech men are welcome.

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In charge of this issue: A. K. MITCHELL, 1909.

Wednesday, April 10, 1907.

In our last issue we chronicled the abandonment of the Saturday night Kommers. Notwithstanding the untiring efforts of End of Bursar Rand and the Kommers, attractions offered in the shape of such prominent men as Mr. Moorfield Story and Mr. Louis Frothingham as speakers, the attempt to popularize this form of entertainment has been given up by its promoters as unsuccessful.

One can pardon those who have been instrumental in establishing this custom for feeling disgusted and disheartened at the lack of support with which their best efforts have been met. Nothing has been left undone which could in any way have contributed to the success of these meetings, and their abandonment has not been in any way due to poor management or lack of interest to induce men to attend. It is to our minds simply another proof of the lack of college life and spirit which is so noticeable at the Institute. It is the visible expression of the desire of a number of Tech men to escape from their Institute relations as soon as their work is completed, and to seek their pastimes and amusements in spheres as far removed from their scenes of work as may be.

COMMUNICATION.

The Editors do not hold themselves responsible for opinions expressed by correspondents.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

There is a certain practice at Tech which does not seem well understood. Men here are apt to grind too hard and stay indoors too much. They ought to get out in the open air at least once a week. The weekly Hare and Hounds runs offer this opportunity for moderate outdoor exercise. We don't want men to come out to race; we want a crowd of good fellows to come out and have a

good time. "The pace is easy and the apparel is light."

This week we have a famous combination; Wellesley is the place, and Allen and Starkweather are to be the hares. Come out and have a glorious good time and help make the Seniors' last run the best of the season.

J. N. STEPHENSON, '09.

MINING IN MEXICO.

At the meeting of the Mining Engineering Society last night at the Union, Prof. Richards gave an interesting talk on "Mining in Mexico," as observed by a party of which he was one, of members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers, which took a trip through Mexico in 1901. Three classes of silver mines were visited; those where silver occurs with lead, those where the metal can be directly extracted, and those where the ore has to be treated by the patio process. The party proceeded to Mexico City where it was received by Pres. Diaz. Prof. Richard, showed several slides illustrating the condition and customs of the natives. At the next meeting of the society will be held the election of officers.

NEW YORK STATE CLUB DINNER.

The annual election of officers of the New York State Club will be held at the club's dinner at the Union this evening. Some prominent members of the faculty will be present. All men from New York State are urged to attend and give the Club fresh stimulus, as interest this year has been lagging.

The intercollegiate swimming meet which was held at Princeton was won by Yale with 21 points. Pennsylvania was second with 18 points and Princeton third with 6 points. Owing to the expense the Harvard entries were cancelled.

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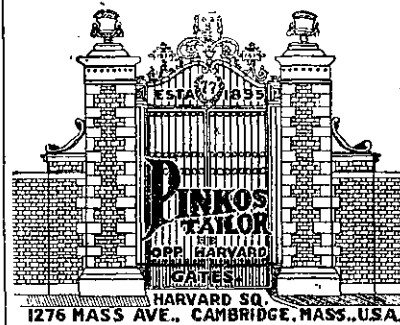
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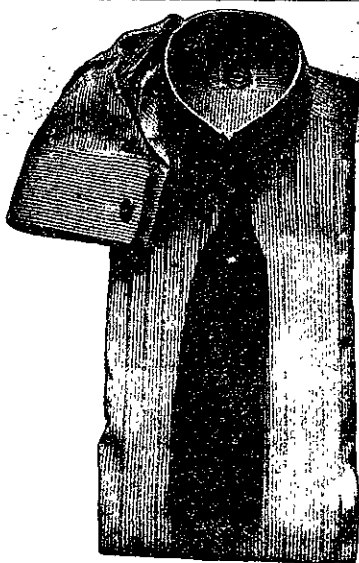


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Professor Swain stated that one cause for our lack of culture is the wasting or poor use of spare time. He said that the newspaper, although not very old, had already become a habit in this country and that many of us read nothing else, much to the detriment of our general culture.

Professor and Mrs. Desire Despradelle are in New York. Mr. Despradelle, who is a director of the New York society of Beaux Arts Architects, is to deliver an address on a special architectural subject at Columbia university.

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Mr. Newell graduated from the mining and geology course of the Institute in 1885, and later took a post-graduate course in hydraulic work. In 1888 he accepted a position as hydraulic engineer in the Irrigation Survey, and in 1890 the selection and survey of reservoir sites was placed directly under his charge.

For eighteen years past Mr. Newell has devoted his energy to the National Reclamation of the Great American Desert. The extensive and valuable results obtained through this work attracted wide attention, and the demand for data led Congress to increase the appropriation gradually until in 1902 it amounted to \$200,000.

The engagement is announced of Miss Sarah Abbott of Roxbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis F. Abbott, to Charles W. Johnston, '05. Mr. Johnston is now in Mexico, where he is engaged in mining.

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